

U.S. Application No. 10/669,198

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REMARKS

The office action objects to claims 1 and 3-16 as missing colons at the end of the preambles and semicolons at the end of each step. This objection is not understood. The claims are clear and there appears to be no proper basis for this objection. Reconsideration is requested.

Claims 7, 8, 12 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 for clarity of the plastics moving through the cap holes. Claims 7 and 16 have been amended to clarify the step includes forcing some plastics material through the opening (claim 7) and forcing some plastics material through at least some of the holes (claim 16). Claims 8 and 12 depend from claim 7 and thus include this clarification.

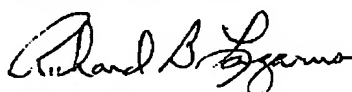
Accordingly, claims 1 and 3-16 are allowable and such action is, respectfully, requested.

If there are any other matters that need attention the examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned so that they may be promptly addressed.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees, be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 02-1010 (5723-70259).

Respectfully submitted,

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